

will have to undergo periodic health check-ups to help in checking the spread of deadly disease of cancer;

(b) if so, by when the above policy is likely to be formulated and implemented in the country; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of above, question does not arise.

Privatisation of Hospitals

1453. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Government hospitals may go private", appearing in the Economic Times, dated 11th July, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to privatise hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to privatise Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also informed that at present they have no policy to privatise its Hospitals.

Health for All

1454. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any steps for achieving the goal of health for all;

(b) if so, whether Government were proposing to evolve an integrated approach; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) With view to achieve Health for All, Government has mobilized substantial resources from bilateral/multilateral agencies for intensifying the implementation of National Programmes, namely, the Control of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, TB, Leprosy, Blindness and Promotion of Reproductive and Child Health. Besides, for improving the delivery of services to the poor, assistance has been mobilized to strengthen health infrastructure in some of the selected states in the country. In implementing these programmes care is taken to ensure that there is no duplication and programmes are implemented in a coordinated manner.

Cities Prone to Malaria

1455. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cities in the country are prone to malaria;

(b) whether Government have identified the cities which are prone to malaria;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to eradicate malaria in those cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. 181 towns/cities are being covered under the Urban Malaria Scheme of National Anti Malaria Programme. Out of these, 19 towns/cities have been identified for being provided with additional inputs under the Enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank support for effective implementation of the scheme.